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Agricultural Power and Equipment

Primary Career Cluster:	Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources
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Course Code(s):	5945
Prerequisite(s):	Agriscience (5957) and Principles of Agricultural Mechanics (TBD)
Credit:	1
Grade Level:	11
Graduation Requirements:	This course satisfies one of three credits required for an elective focus when taken in conjunction with other Agriculture courses.
Programs of Study and Sequence:	This is the third course in the <i>Agricultural Engineering and Applied Technologies</i> program of study.
Necessary Equipment:	Refer to Teacher Resources page below.
Aligned Student Organization(s):	FFA: http://www.tnffa.org Allie Ellis, (615) 253-5207, Allie.Ellis@tn.gov
Supervised Agricultural Experience and/or Coordinating Work-Based Learning:	All Agriculture students are encouraged to participate in a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program. In addition, if a teacher has completed work-based learning training, he or she can offer appropriate placement. For more information, please visit http://www.tn.gov/education/cte/wb/ .
Available Student Industry Certifications:	None
Dual Credit or Dual Enrollment Opportunities:	There are no statewide dual credit/dual enrollment opportunities for this course. If interested in establishing a local opportunity, reach out to your local postsecondary institution.
Teacher Endorsement(s):	048, 448
Required Teacher Certifications/Training:	None
Teacher Resources:	http://www.tn.gov/education/cte/AgricultureFoodNaturalResources.shtml

Course Description

Agricultural Power and Equipment is an applied-knowledge course in agricultural engineering with special emphasis on laboratory activities involving small engines, tractors, and agricultural equipment. The standards in this course address navigation, maintenance, repair, and overhaul of electrical motors, hydraulic systems, and fuel-powered engines as well as exploration of a wide range of careers in agricultural mechanics. Standards in this course are aligned with Tennessee Common Core State

Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy in Technical Subjects, Tennessee Common Core State Standards in Mathematics, and National Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Career Cluster Content Standards.*

Program of Study Application

This is the third course in the *Agricultural Engineering and Applied Technologies* program of study. For more information on the benefits and requirements of implementing this program in full, please visit the Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources website at <http://www.tn.gov/education/cte/AgricultureFoodNaturalResources.shtml>.

Course Standards

Occupational Awareness & Safety

- 1) Consult industry manuals to ascertain the specific safety prevention and control standards governing the agricultural engineering industry. Demonstrate adherence to recognized standards, and apply occupational safety concepts across all coursework, such as but not limited to procedures surrounding general safety, personal safety (such as the use of personal protective equipment), lifting, transporting, alerting, and reporting. (TN CCSS Reading 3)
- 2) Review common laboratory safety procedures for tool and equipment operation in the agricultural power and equipment laboratories, including but not limited to accident prevention and control procedures. Demonstrate the ability to follow safety and operational procedures in a lab setting and complete a safety test with 100 percent accuracy. (TN CCSS Reading 3)
- 3) Use local news media, organizational websites, and real-time labor market information to investigate occupations in agricultural power and equipment. Compare and contrast the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary for employment, as well as the typical level of education required. (TN CCSS Reading 2, 9; TN CCSS Writing 4, 7, 9)

Career Awareness

- 4) Gather and analyze information from multiple authoritative sources such as the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) to develop a written projection of the occupational trends related to agriculture power and equipment. Supplement the narrative with relevant and properly cited charts, graphs, and other visual representations. (TN CCSS Reading 1, 9; TN CCSS Writing 2, 9)
- 5) Investigate opportunities to expand and diversify a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program as related to agriculture power and equipment. Accurately maintain an activity recordkeeping system and apply proper financial recordkeeping skills to summarize records by completing SAE related applications and reports. (TN CCSS Reading 9; TN CCSS Writing 2)

Engine and Motor Mechanics

- 6) Compare and contrast the first and second laws of thermodynamics as applied to the study of combustion engines. Analyze the theory of operation and efficiency of internal combustion



engines with regard to fuels, engine displacement, ignition, lubrication, and cooling. (TN CCSS Reading 1)

- 7) Evaluate and optimize engine performance under load and no-load operation, considering the effects of air temperature, humidity, fuel quality, and engine tuning. (TN CCSS Reading 4; TN CCSS Math F-IF, S-ID)
- 8) Citing technical data and documentation of prior work, develop a written recommendation outlining a specific task or procedure for a given engine or motor (such as using a three-phase 5 hp electric motor in order to drive a 125-foot conveyor belt for lifting grain to a 60-foot silo). (TN CCSS Reading 1; TN CCSS Writing 1, 4; TN CCSS Math N-Q, A-SSE, F-IF, F-LE)
- 9) Demonstrate the ability to troubleshoot single-cylinder engines and electric motors. Create a written estimate of repairs, including parts, labor, time, and total cost. (TN CCSS Reading 1, 3, 4; TN CCSS Writing 2, 4)

Agriculture Machinery

- 10) Recommend the appropriate machinery for a given agricultural application by matching the mechanical need to the scale and magnitude of the specific task. Using clear and coherent writing, justify the recommendation based on availability of parts, operational costs, maintenance, safety, and total cost. For example, recommend the appropriate tractor for a specified task based on power ratings, engine and transmission systems, hydraulic capabilities, hitching, and ballasting. (TN CCSS Reading 1, 3, 4, 7, 9; TN CCSS Writing 1, 2, 4)
- 11) Research the basic types of fuel and lubricants; differentiate their chief components, characteristics and applications as related to agricultural equipment in an explanatory essay. (TN CCSS Writing 2, 4, 7, 8, 9)
- 12) Demonstrate the ability to maintain, troubleshoot, and repair agricultural equipment and create a written estimate of repairs including itemization of parts, labor, time, and total cost. (TN CCSS Reading 3; TN CCSS Writing 2, 4; TN CCSS Math N-Q)
- 13) Compose an informational text comparing and contrasting the types and functions of precision and advanced technologies (such as geographic information systems [GIS], global positioning systems [GPS], and unmanned aerial vehicles [UAV]) available to the agriculture industry, citing technical data where appropriate. (TN CCSS Reading 1, 9; TN CCSS Writing 2, 4, 8, 9)
- 14) Demonstrate in a live setting or in a presentation the ability to safely operate agriculture equipment, including precision-operated equipment if available. (TN CCSS Reading 3)

Hydraulics

- 15) Write an explanatory text to summarize the components and operational theory of a basic hydraulic system used in an agriculture setting. (TN CCSS Writing 2, 7, 9)



- 16) Design a hydraulic system to perform a specific task, applying the principles of fluid kinematics and hydrostatics to outline how the system functions. The design should include specifications for pumps, pipes, and flow rates. (TN CCSS Writing 2, 4; TN CCSS Math G-GMD)
- 17) Troubleshoot and repair hydraulic power and control systems used in agricultural equipment such as piston-driven lifts and compression devices (such as shears, crushers). Document the parts and labor involved and draft a repair bill for suitable compensation. (TN CCSS Reading 3; TN CCSS Writing 2, 8, 9; TN CCSS Math N-Q)

Navigation and Surveying

- 18) Explain how agricultural enterprises employ geographic information systems (GIS) and global positioning systems (GPS) in their work, including GIS software, GPS receivers, data acquisition, and spatial analysis of data. Debate the legal, ethical, and economic implications of the use of these emerging technologies with regard to maximizing the efficiency and efficacy of agricultural processes, citing specific textual evidence from case studies and news media. (TN CCSS Reading 1, 9; TN CCSS Writing 2, 8, 9)
- 19) Correctly and safely use precision surveying instruments to make measurements of large acreages. Compile a written survey report for use by a lay reader, supplementing the narrative with charts, graphs, and other visual representations to aid comprehension. (TN CCSS Reading 3; TN CCSS Writing 2, 7; TN CCSS Math N-Q)

Standards Alignment Notes

*References to other standards include:

- TN CCSS Reading: [Tennessee Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects](#); Reading Standards for Literacy in Science and Technical Subjects 6-12; Grades 11-12 Students (page 62).
 - Note: While not directly aligned to one specific standard, students who are engaging in activities outlined above should be able to demonstrate fluency in Standards 5, 6, 8, and 10 at the conclusion of the course.
- TN CCSS Writing: [Tennessee Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects](#); Writing Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects 6-12; Grades 11-12 Students (pages 64-66).
 - Note: While not directly aligned to one specific standard, students who are engaging in activities outlined above should be able to demonstrate fluency in Standards 3, 5, 6, and 10 at the conclusion of the course.
- TN CCSS Math: [Tennessee Common Core State Standards for Mathematics](#); Math Standards for High School: Number and Quantity, Algebra, Functions, Geometry, Statistics and Probability. (pages 58-83)
 - Note: The standards in this course are not meant to teach mathematical concepts. However, the concepts referenced above may provide teachers with opportunities to collaborate with mathematics educators to design project based activities or collaborate on lesson planning. Students who are engaging in activities listed above should be able to demonstrate quantitative, algebraic, geometric, functional, and statistical reasoning



as applied to specific technical concepts. In addition, students will have the opportunity to practice the habits of mind as described in the eight Standards for Mathematical Practice.

- AFNR: [National Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources \(AFNR\) Career Cluster Content Standards](#). Students engaged in activities outlined above should be able to demonstrate fluency in Standards in CS, PST, ABS, NRS, PS, and ESS at the conclusion of the course.
- P21: Partnership for 21st Century Skills [Framework for 21st Century Learning](#)
 - Note: While not all standards are specifically aligned, teachers will find the framework helpful for setting expectations for student behavior in their classroom and practicing specific career readiness skills.

